

C. AN INDIVIDUAL CHILD : URSULA.

These particular records of Ursula's behaviour during two and a half years, covering critical situations in the home and a very critical period of development, illustrate a number of those themes which have already been discussed under separate headings with the material from the school and other sources.

It is to be remembered that the incidents presented here are highly selected. They do not represent the child's total behaviour, nor even her total relation to her parents and little sister. I have taken them out from their main context in order to illustrate these important psychological themes.

Readers of *Intellectual Growth in Young Children* (Appendix C) will remember the observations and reflections of Ursula which were quoted there, and which pay high tribute to her sense and understanding and amenableness to reason. Those records should be taken in conjunction with the present ones, whether for the purpose of psychological theory or for the sake of getting a just picture of the individual child.

The main psychological situations which Ursula shows us here are (i) her rivalry with her mother for the possession of the father and her babies ; (2) her rivalry with the baby as a child to her mother; (3) her castration anxiety; (4) her identification with her father as a way of avoiding the rivalry with her mother; (5) her theory of the origin of babies in food and faeces, and corresponding anxiety about anal attacks and the badness of her own genitals.

(i) The rivalry of the girl child with her mother is very plainly shown, whether in direct or indirect ways :
"7 would like a little baby like that. Will you get me one ?" " Mary got home first. 7 wanted to be first." After expressing her wish for both a brother and a sister : " Well,

you can make
the brother and 7 will make the sister." And
again : " Ursula
was very distressed that her mother and not
she was to be
the baby's mother. She wept bitterly, ' But 7
want to be its
mother/ ' But why can't I ? ' etc," After her
mother has
told her that little children " can't do that ", she
expresses her
intense wish to grow big so that she can have a
baby like her
Mummy by saying, " Look Mummy, I nearly reach
my*swing.
Shall I when I'm six ? " When she sits in the
cupboard